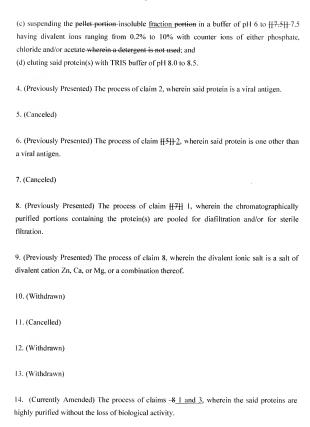
## Amendments to the Claims:

This amendment of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of the claims in the application:

- (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation—and—purification of protein(s) comprising:
- (a) centrifuging the-cell lysate obtained from vector cells expressing said protein(s) between 1000 g and 10,000 g to form a supernatant—soluble portion—fraction and an solid insoluble portion fraction;
- (b) obtaining the—insoluble fraction of step (a) wherein the insoluble portion—fraction comprises the protein(s);
- (c) suspending the insoluble portion fraction in a buffer of pH 6 to [[7.5]] 7.5;
- (d) forming an insoluble matrix after-step (d)-by the addition of divalent ionic salt having a concentration ranging from 0.2% to 10% with counter ions of either phosphate, chloride and/or acetate solution to the suspension of step (c);
- (e) subjecting the insoluble matrix obtained in step (d) to centrifugation to form a pellet;
- (f) repeatedly subjecting the pellet <u>obtained</u> from step (e) to a desorption process to release the protein(s) from said insoluble pellet by using either TRIS buffer of pH [[8.0]] <u>8.0</u> to 8.5 or TRIS with EDTA buffer at pH 7.0 to 8.0; and
- (g) recovering the protein(s) through hydrophobic chromatography.
- 2. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 1 wherein said protein(s) is/are expressed in yeast.
- (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation and purification of protein(s) comprising:
- (a) centrifuging the cell lysate obtained from vector cells expressing said protein(s) between 1000 g and 10,000 g to form a supernatant portion—soluble fraction and solid portion an insoluble fraction;
- (b) obtaining the insoluble fraction of step (a) wherein the insoluble portion\_fraction comprises the protein(s);



- 15. (Currently Amended) The process as claimed in any of the preceding claims, wherein contaminants do not interfere with the process of preparation and—purification of said proteins.
- 16. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 21 and 3, wherein said proteins are viral antigens, recombinant proteins, and/or bio-therapeutic proteins.
- 17. (Currently Amended)—The process of claim 16, wherein said proteins are simultaneously prepared and purified. The process of claim 14, wherein the biological activity of the said proteins after purification ranges from at least 70% to 95%.
- 18. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 16, wherein said proteins are selected from the group consisting of: Rabies antigen, Hepatitis A antigen, Hepatitis B antigen, Diphtheria toxoid and Tetanus toxoid.